

## FORD TO VISIT BELLIGERENT COUNTRIES, HE ANNOUNCES

Passport or No Passport, He  
Will Assert His Rights as an  
American Citizen—Will Open  
Factory Abroad.

His Last Word to America Is:  
"Everyone Try for Peace,  
Down With Preparedness."  
He Declares.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Henry  
Ford's passport is good only for  
neutral European countries, but  
he is going to visit the belliger-  
ents, nevertheless.

"I shall assert my rights as an  
American citizen," he said today,  
on the verge of his peace ship's  
departure.

His tour will include all the  
warring nations, he added. Spec-  
ifically he mentioned England  
and France. In the former coun-  
try he explained he intends open-  
ing a new factory at Southampton.

"But your passport isn't made  
out to these countries," it was  
pointed out to him.

"I don't care," he answered.  
"I'm going, anyway. My last word  
to America," he concluded, "is:  
Everyone try for peace; down with  
preparedness."

### TWELVE MUST STAY.

One of Ford's last callers before de-  
parture was Baron Shibusawa, Ja-  
panese trade delegate to the United  
States. The Baron wished him good  
luck and God speed.

One hundred and fifty-two passports  
were accounted for today and Ford  
has only 110 reservations on the  
Oscar II, so that twelve of his guests  
will have to be left behind.

The only very late arrival for whom  
a place was found was Mrs. A. M.  
Clark, of Palo Alto, Cal., who reached  
New York at midnight, made a mad  
rush to Washington, expecting to get  
a passport by special arrangement  
with the State Department, and to be  
at Hoboken by sailing time.

### Have No Credentials.

Many of Ford's guests had preceded  
him on board the Oscar II at noon. In  
fact, a few put in an appearance at the  
dock in the very early morning, hoping  
to avoid the rush. The stewardship of-  
ficials had no list of those who were to  
go, and beforehand arrivals simply  
stood around in the cold awaiting some-  
body in authority to tell them where to  
go and what to do.

R. J. Macfarlane was the first to  
place his name on the steamship list.  
The officials took his word for it that  
he was a duly accredited member of  
the Ford party. He had nothing to  
show for it. Neither had anyone else.  
The invitations are good only for the  
trip to Scandinavia and The Hague.  
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## PETITION TO ACT AS EXECUTRIX HELD UP

Mrs. Wiehfeld Must Prove U. S.  
Citizenship to Manage Moth-  
er's Estate.

The application of Mrs. Mahelle Swift  
Wiehfeld, formerly Mrs. Clarence  
Moore, for letters as executrix of the  
estate of her mother, Mrs. Florence A.  
Swift, has been held up pending an in-  
vestigation to determine whether Mrs.  
Wiehfeld is an American citizen.

When the application was filed this  
morning Justice McCoy signed the or-  
der appointing Mrs. Wiehfeld executrix.  
Later the question of her citizenship  
was brought to his attention and he or-  
dered the case held up until the peti-  
tioner should show cause why the let-  
ters should issue.

Mrs. Wiehfeld is the wife of Aksee  
Wiehfeld, a citizen of Denmark, and  
under the provisions of the District  
code no alien can serve as executor or  
administrator. The Revised Statutes  
provide that an American woman, mar-  
rying a foreigner, forthwith loses her  
American citizenship and takes that of  
her husband.

Mr. Wiehfeld is said to have made  
a fortune in the oil business in the  
Middle East.

## Prompt Federal Action Against Consul Nuber Under Consideration

Cancellation of Exequatur or  
Court Prosecution Is Pos-  
sible.

### NO DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY

State and Justice Officials Con-  
fer Over Investigation of Al-  
leged Plots.

Following the demand made upon Ger-  
many for the "immediate recall" of  
Capt. Karl Boy-Ed and Capt. Franz  
von Papen, the German consul and mil-  
itary attaché, respectively, it became  
known today that the State Department  
is seriously considering action against  
Alexander von Nuber, Austrian consul  
general at New York.

Long conferences at the State Depart-  
ment between A. Bruce Bielaski, chief  
of the Bureau of Investigation of the  
Department of Justice, who has had  
charge of the investigation of von Nuber's  
alleged connection with plot cases,  
and State Department officials brought  
the admission that the department was  
considering the cases against von Nuber  
and other officials.

### Two Courses Open.

What the government has not decided  
upon is what steps it should take  
against Nuber. The diplomatic immu-  
nity enjoyed by Boy-Ed and von  
Papen does not extend to the consular  
officials. In dealing with offending con-  
suls, the government has two courses  
open. It may either cancel their ex-  
equaturs, which is tantamount to de-  
manding their recall, or it may prose-  
cute them in the Federal courts.

Action in the von Nuber case has been  
delayed, it is understood, because of  
the delicate diplomatic situation be-  
tween the United States and Austria  
brought about by the sinking of the  
Ancona. The fact that Austria still felt  
resistance for the recall of Ambassador  
Dumba was another factor influenc-  
ing delay.

The recall of von Papen, the German  
military attaché, has been predicated largely  
upon the seizure of an official com-  
munication he had forwarded to the  
German foreign minister through James  
F. J. Archibald, the American corre-  
spondent, who was detained by the  
British authorities. At the same time  
was found an official communication  
from von Nuber to the Austrian govern-  
ment. Following this, von Nuber came  
into prominence through his alleged ac-  
tivity in the so-called plots to cause  
fires and strikes in American munitions  
plants.

### Austria Asked Apology.

Baron Zebornik, charge of the Aus-  
trian Embassy, recently demanded an  
apology from this government for an  
official statement by the Justice De-  
partment specifically naming von Nuber  
as implicated in plots. Instead of this  
apology, the United States government  
is said to have decided to take prompt  
action against the offending consular  
representative.

### To Ask Safe Conducts.

Whether safe conducts for return of  
the two German officials to Germany  
will be secured remains to be decided.  
The State Department will ask such  
consideration.

Whether Great Britain will assent to  
the return of the German officers, en-  
abling them to rejoin the navy and  
army, is doubtful. Officials believe En-  
gland will assent.

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## APPROVE PARK PLAN OF COLONEL HARTS

Commission of Fine Arts Also  
Approves Designs of Me-  
dators Medals.

The Commission on Fine Arts at its  
final session today approved the plan  
of Col. W. W. Harts for the conversion  
of Potomac Park into an elaborate play-  
ground. The plans will be submitted  
to Congress with a request for an ap-  
propriation.

The commission also considered de-  
signs for three gold medals which are  
to be given by the State Depart-  
ment to the A. H. C. mediators. Con-  
gress has appropriated \$3,000 for the  
medals.

The commission conferred on the  
Anacostia water park plans in con-  
nection with the reclamation work  
now in progress on the Anacostia  
flats. The connecting roadway be-  
tween Rock Creek and Potomac Parks  
was considered.

John B. Nesbit, Jr., Sued  
For a Limited Divorce

Mrs. Catherine C. Nesbit today filed in  
the District Supreme Court a suit for a  
limited divorce from John B. Nesbit,  
Jr., to whom she was married January  
2, 1912. The wife asks alimony and the  
custody of their three children.



Above—Capt. KARL BOY-ED.  
Below—Capt. FRANZ VON PAPEN

## BUENZ IS GIVEN 18 MONTHS IN PRISON

Hamburg - American Officials  
Sentenced in Conspiracy  
Case—Appeal Taken.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—In Karl  
Buenz, managing director of the  
Hamburg-American Line, was today  
sentenced to serve one year and six  
months in the Atlanta, Ga., Federal  
prison, following his conviction in the  
conspiracy case against the Govern-  
ment.

George Koetter and Adolph Hoch-  
meister, two other convicted Ham-  
burg-American officials received the  
same sentence.

Joseph Poppenhause, the fourth  
official found guilty, was sentenced to  
serve one year and one day in At-  
lanta.

The Hamburg-American also named  
as a defendant, was fined the nominal  
sum of \$1.

The convicted officials were re-  
leased on bail of \$100 each, pending  
a hearing of their appeal.

The bill was an increase of \$500 over  
the bond furnished for the appear-  
ance on the conspiracy charge. The  
bill of error acted automatically as a  
stay of execution.

William Hand, counsel for the de-  
fendants, immediately filed an appli-  
cation for a writ of error upon which  
the case will be heard in the  
United States Court of Appeals.

Judge Howe in passing sentence upon  
Buenz, announced he would recommend  
to the Government officials that he be  
accorded leniency should his physical  
condition endanger his life. Buenz is  
seventy-two years old.

## JOHNSON AGAIN TO HEAD D. C. COMMITTEE

Kentuckian Selected to Succeed  
Himself as Chairman of  
Board.

### KITCHIN IS FLOOR LEADER

Fitzgerald of New York Will Be  
Leader of Appropriations,  
and Hay of Military Affairs.

Congressman Ben Johnson, of Ken-  
tucky, was again elected chairman of  
the House District Committee by the  
Democratic caucus, which announced  
its selection of committees this after-  
noon.

The selection of Congressman Claude  
Kitchin, of North Carolina, as chair-  
man of the Ways and Means Commit-  
tee, establishes him as majority lead-  
er of the House.

Congressman James Hay of Virginia is  
again chairman of the important com-  
mittee on military affairs, and with  
Congressman Lemuel P. Padgett of Ten-  
nessee as chairman of the Naval Affairs  
committee, will have charge of the floor  
work on the President's program for  
preparedness.

The Appropriations Committee chair-  
man will again be Congressman John  
J. Fitzgerald of New York. Congress-  
man Carter Glass of Virginia was re-  
elected chairman of the Banking and  
Currency Committee.

### Personnel of Committee.

The personnel of the House District  
Committee includes Ben Johnson, of  
Kentucky, chairman; Wyatt Allen, of  
South Carolina; Joseph H. Thompson,  
of Oklahoma; Robert Crozier, of Ohio;  
James T. Lloyd, of Missouri; James A.  
Hann, of New Jersey; J. C. Loebeck,  
of Nebraska; Joe H. Eagle, of Texas;  
Carl Vinson, of Georgia; Peter J. Dooley,  
of New York; Warren Worth Bal-  
low, of Pennsylvania; Emmett Wilson,  
of Florida; and Benjamin C. Hillard, of  
Colorado.

### List of Chairmen's list

Chairmen of the House committees  
as reported to the Democratic caucus  
this afternoon follow:  
Elections, No. 1—Hubert H. Stephens,  
Mississippi.  
Elections, No. 2—James Harrell, New  
Jersey.  
Elections, No. 3—Lewis I. Morgan,  
Louisiana.  
Appropriations—John J. Fitzgerald,  
New York.  
Judiciary—Edwin V. Webb, North  
Carolina.  
Banking and Currency—Carter  
Glass, Virginia.  
Coinage, Weights and Measures—  
William Ashbrook, Ohio.  
Interstate and Foreign Commerce—  
William C. Adamson, Georgia.  
Rivers and Harbors—Steven M.  
Sparkman, Alabama.  
Merchant Marine and Fisheries—  
John W. Alexander, Missouri.  
Agriculture—Ashbury E. Lever, South  
Carolina.

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## CITIES OPEN FIGHT FOR BIG CONVENTION

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## WILSON-GALT WEDDING TO TAKE PLACE DEC. 18 AT HOME OF THE BRIDE

### OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF WEDDING DATE

"It was announced at the White House today that the marriage of  
Mrs. Galt and the President will take place on Saturday, the  
eighteenth of December.

"As previously stated, the ceremony will be performed at Mrs.  
Galt's home, 1308 Twentieth street northwest.

"The only guests will be Mrs. Galt's mother, her brothers and  
sisters, the President's brother and sister, his daughters, and  
the members of his immediate household. No invitations will  
be issued."

## MOTHER WILL SAVE BABE 'BETTER DEAD' GUARD IS PLANNED

Consents to Operation Though  
Deeming Future as Cripple  
Undesirable.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—Nelson Hinton,  
the six-month-old babe, who was se-  
verely burned Tuesday that the Hop-  
kins Hospital surgeons believe its only  
chance for life lies in amputation of its  
legs and one hand, is in a critical con-  
dition today.

The mother of the child, who said  
yesterday that she would rather see  
her little one die than to be handi-  
capped without legs and one arm  
through life, today expressed the wish  
that Nelson should be saved.

This morning she said she realized  
that it would be better for the child if  
it were dead, but she has given her  
consent to the operations that the sur-  
geons advised, and it is believed that  
these will be performed some time to-  
day.

"My child would be better off dead,"  
she said, "than to be a cripple. I  
want to pass a sentence of death on it,"  
she said this morning in talking of  
her baby.

Burned in Go-Cart.  
The baby was burned Tuesday as he  
lay in his go-cart. Mrs. Hinton had  
gone out. Another child, Gordon, two  
and a half years old, was playing in  
the kitchen, near the baby's go-cart,  
supposed to have picked up a soap  
paper and thrust it into the blazing  
grate of the kitchen stove, then, as  
the paper burst into flame, to have  
thrown the go-cart, which was loaded  
with the baby, into the fire.

The mother returned home to find a  
crowd of neighbors gathered before her  
door and the baby badly burned. An  
ambulance was summoned and took the  
baby to the hospital.

Little hope was expressed for the  
child's recovery and his life was hours  
expected. However, examination re-  
vealed that the flames had not been in-  
haled. There were some burns on the  
arms and hands, but they were more or  
less superficial.

## UNITE IN FIGHT TO KEEP LAKES OPEN

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## NO INVITATIONS ARE ISSUED TO NUPTIAL CEREMONY

Names of Relatives of President  
and Mrs. Galt Included in  
White House List.

### HONEYMOON ROUTE SECRET

Not Expected to Be on the  
Mayflower—Giving of Pres-  
ents Is Discouraged.

Mrs. Norman E. Galt, of this  
city, will become the bride of  
President Wilson on the evening  
of Saturday, December 18.

Formal announcement of the  
date of the nuptials was made at  
the White House today in a brief  
statement which gave neither the  
hour of the ceremony nor the  
name of the officiating clergy-  
man. Beyond this the White  
House officials would say nothing.

From other sources, however, it  
was learned that the wedding will  
be an evening affair, and that the  
ceremony will be performed either  
by the Rev. Herbert Scott Smith,  
rector of St. Margaret's Protestant  
Episcopal Church, where Mrs.  
Galt has been a communicant since  
last September, or by the Rev. Dr.  
C. Ernest Smith, rector of St.  
Thomas' Protestant Episcopal  
Church, which Mrs. Galt attended  
prior to that time.

### NAMES OF GUESTS.

Dr. Herbert Scott Smith declared  
today that he had not yet been asked  
to officiate, but close friends of the  
President stated that while the ar-  
rangements for the minister had not  
been definitely made, the rector of St.  
Margaret's probably would be asked.  
Dr. C. Ernest Smith is out of the city  
and will not return before Monday.

As the list of guests is limited, the  
guests to those given in the an-  
nouncement, it is probable that he  
will be personally attended at the al-  
tar by his brother, Joseph R. Wilson,  
of Baltimore, although he is under-  
stood to have considered Col. E. M.  
House, of Texas and New York, for  
his place.

According to the list given, the guests  
will be Mrs. William H. Bolling, Mrs.  
Galt's mother; Mrs. Alexander H. Galt,  
whose husband is a cousin of the late  
Norman E. Galt; Mrs. Matthew H.  
Stearns, of Annapolis; Miss Bertha  
Bolling, all sisters of the bride-  
to-be; her brothers, John Randolph  
Bolling, of this city; John E. Bolling,  
manager of the Commercial Bank of  
Panama; Dr. William E. Bolling, of  
Louisville, Ky.; and Richard Wilmer  
and Julian B. Bolling, of this city; Mrs.  
Josephine Howe, of New York, the  
President's sister; Joseph R. Wilson, of  
Baltimore, his brother; Miss Margaret  
Wilson, Mrs. Francis Jones Bayne and  
Mrs. William G. McAdoo, the Presi-  
dent's daughters, and Dr. Gary T. Gray-  
son, U. S. Surgeon General, and naval  
aide, as well as his constant companion.

### Cabinet Not Invited.

Members of the President's Cabinet  
and leaders of Congress, as well as  
members of the diplomatic corps will  
not be present, it being the President's  
desire to have the wedding as quiet as  
possible. It is assumed, however, that  
Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, the  
President's son-in-law, will be present.

Despite the fact that the President's  
yacht, the Mayflower, all freshly paint-  
ed and refurbished, is tugging at her  
anchors down at the Washington Navy  
Yard, persons in position to know de-  
clare positively that the wedding tri-  
umphant will not be taken on the yacht. On the  
contrary, the understanding is that im-  
mediately after the ceremony the Presi-  
dent and his bride will board his special  
car attached to a south-bound train.

The ceremony itself will be performed  
in the drawing room of the Galt resi-  
dence, which will be banked high with  
flowers and palms. The temporary altar  
will be at the west end of the room,  
and the bride-to-be will meet the Presi-  
dent at the foot of the stairway on  
the north side of the building. Mrs.  
Galt, it is understood, will be attired  
in a traveling gown, and will carry a  
bouquet of orchids, her favorite flow-  
er, which will be presented to her by  
the President.

The wedding ring, a plain gold circle  
will be given to the bride by the Presi-  
dent. It is given standing for Edith Bolling  
Galt. The bride will be attended by  
her sister, Miss Bertha Bolling.

The date of the wedding is understood  
to have been fixed after the Presi-  
dent learned that Congress would prob-  
ably adjourn on December 18.

## How Washington's Ex-Supt. of Police Is Fighting Unseen and Unknown Foes

Major Sylvester is in charge of the guarding of the great du Pont munitions  
factories from destruction by incendiary explosion or fire. It is the biggest job of  
policing in the world. It is the most interesting story of the week. It will appear  
only in

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